

## **This is Life Lesson 13 Handout**

**2 Cor. 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

### **2 Corinthians 5:20**

**20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

### **1 Corinthians 6:9–11**

**9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, - or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,**

**10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.**

**11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**Romans 14:14 I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong.**

### **1 Corinthians 9:19–23**

**19 Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.**

**20 When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am**

**not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law.**

**21 When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.**

**22 When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.**

**23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.**

**Luke 7:33–34**

**33 For John the Baptist didn't spend his time eating bread or drinking wine, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.'**

**34 The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!'**

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***All Christians would agree drunkenness is sinful, and Christ Himself warns against it (Luke 12:45). However, a biblical view of wine is that it is given as something to delight in (Psalms 104:14–15). 14 He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth: 15 wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.***

***There are plenty of warnings against alcohol abuse, in texts like Proverbs 20:1, 1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise. because sinful men are more likely to abuse wine than to use it in moderation. Christians who want to keep a biblical view of drinking wine should either drink in moderation, never to drunkenness, or abstain totally.***

**Recommended Resource: *Jesus: The Greatest Life of All* by Charles Swindoll**

**1 Corinthians 6:12**

**12 Everything is permissible (allowable and lawful) for me; but not all things are helpful (good for me to do, expedient and profitable when considered with other things).**

**Everything is lawful for me, but I will not become the slave of anything or be brought under its power.**

**Romans 14**

**1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.**

**2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.**

**3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.**

**4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.**

**5 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.**

**6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.**

**10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.**

**12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.**

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**1 Corinthians 8:9–13**

**9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.**

**10 For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols?**

**13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.**

**"For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink: even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1:15)**

**2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore, whether we are at home [on earth] or away from home [and with Him], it is our [constant] ambition to be pleasing to Him.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.**